

## Borough of Ben Avon Heights

### Wednesday December 9, 2015 - Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting of council was held at Shannopin Country Club at 7:00 P.M.

#### A quorum is in attendance.

#### Present:

Council Members: Berardi, Davis, Isherwood, Keelan, Kolenda, Smith

Mayor: Dismukes

Tucker Arnsberg: Vogel

Ohio Twp. Police: Sgt. Beck

Avalon Volunteer Fire Company: Carney

NorthWest EMS: Dudash

Secretary/Treasurer: Raves

Residents: John Radcliffe

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mr. Davis.

1. Vote to approve November Minutes: Mr. Kolenda ***made a motion*** to approve the November Minutes as presented to Council earlier by E-mail. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
2. Vote to approve the November Treasurers Reports: Mr. Kolenda ***made a motion*** to approve the November Treasurers report that was submitted to Council earlier by email. ***Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.***
3. Police Report: Sargent Beck noted there were 9 calls 4 were just informative and one was regarding people at the park late at night.
4. Fire Report: 1 Call... wires down on Clovelly. And 400 trees sold thus far this year. Mrs. Raves reported that the dates for 2016 Council meetings were approved by the Fire Company and Shannopin Country Club. All meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month and the locations will change as needed. Mr. Vogel reassured us that having meetings at the Fire Department was OK.
5. EMS Report: George Dudash noted that response times were not up to where he wanted and the will work on that. There is a rumor that NorthWest EMS is not manning the Ben Avon station any longer. Mr. Dusash noted that this was just a rumor they man that station 24/7. Sometimes, due to events, Northwest EMS will have to move the units for repositioning coverage sake. When asked if we sign the contract, what date

would it begin? It was decided that January 1, 2016 would be the start date. Mr. Vogel asked if we could strike the line referring to renewal... and have the contract to renew in perpetuity. Mr. Dudash agreed that could be done and initialed the contract per Mr. Vogel's changes. A review of fees with and without membership took place.

6. Public Comment: No comments.

7. Engineer Report: Engineer did not submit a report. Mr. Isherwood **made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-2** to approve the DEP Phase 1 Consent Order and Agreement (COA) submitted by ACHD and the Borough. Mr. Kolenda **seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** The Resolution and COA were signed.

**Mr. Isherwood made a motion** to accept the rate schedule submitted by Lennon Smith Souleret for the 2016 year. Mr. Berardi **seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Council instructed Mrs. Raves to inform the engineers that they would like to go out to bid in March for the Wilson and Oxford projects as well as starting the paperwork for the loans needed to complete the work.

8. Ordinance 330, Setting 2016 Tax Rate: Mr. Berardi **made a motion to** approve the 2016 Ordinance No. 330 for the Tax Levy as it stands today at 7.95 Mills. **Mr. Isherwood seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. Budget Approval: Mr. Davis **made a motion** to adopt the advertised 2016 Budget, (Resolution 2015-3). **Mr. Kolenda seconds the motion.** Mayor Dismukes asked if all Council members had received the 5 year projected budget. Mrs. Raves noted that they had. **The motion passed unanimously.**

10. Street Sign Replacement Project: Mrs. Raves showed Council a Decal from Ibis Signs. This decal can be ordered for all signs having the street names printed on the reflective material with a protective covering. By using an upper and lower case type will be easiest to read. This can be sent to Lake Shore and be installed in their cast aluminum signs. Council liked this solution. John Radcliffe stated that he would take the decal to Lake Shore for their review and to obtain an estimate for the work.

11. Review Action Plan: Council noted that we really need to get the fountain at the park and planting of trees moving. Action Plans will be added to the Agenda from now on per Council's request.

12. EMS Contract: Council discussed the need and advantages for a contract with an EMS provider. Mr. Keelan **made a motion** to approve and accept the Northwest EMS contract submitted by Mr. George Dudash with the revisions regarding renewal as provided by council. Mrs. Smith **seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

13. Auditor Rates: Mrs. Raves submitted the 3 year rate schedule provided by Hosack Specht Muetzel & Wood LLP to provide auditing services. Mr. Isherwood **made a motion** to accept the proposal for 3 years of services with the rates provided. Mr. Berardi **seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

14. Election results: Mrs. Raves noted that we inadvertently misinterpreted the election results last month. Mr. Radcliffe has in fact won both the 4 year and 2 year terms. He has decided to accept the 4 year term; therefore, in January Council will need to seek a member for the open 2 year term.

15. Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session at 8:11 PM.  
The meeting resumed at 8:22.

***This meeting ended at 8:23 PM***

The next monthly meeting is Tuesday January 12th, 7:00 at Avalon Volunteer Fire Department.

Submitted by Denise Raves, Secretary